OUR SCHOOL VISION: Encouraging all members of the school community to work together to create a positive and motivating environment, allowing all students to maximise their educational opportunities in an ever changing world.

Congratulations to our 'Students of the Week'

Foundation B: Hollie Stanley (Displaying an amazing effort in learning her letters and sounds)
Foundation F: Karisma Tarrant (Making great progress with her letter-sound identification)
Foundation K: Tahlia Clarke (Doing a fantastic job at learning the parts of the number five)
Foundation T: Riley Bichard (Having a go at sounding out words and trying really hard with his writing)
1/2A: Hunter Jackson (Consistently doing his best and demonstrating the value of co-operation)
1/2G: Charli Dafoes (Completing all tasks efficiently and to a high standard)
1/2M: Beriah McMaster (Showing the school value of “Care” when helping others in the classroom)
1/2S: Aaron Luciani (Showing diligence to identify verbs, nouns and adjectives in his daily 5 rotations)
1/2V: Bayden Sage (Outstanding contributions to his Numeracy lessons)
3/4B: Dominik McKinlay (Showing the values of “Kindness and Patience” to all his peers and teachers)
3/4M: Asia Nikora (Working hard on her persuasive letter)
3/4W: Skylar Marshall (Excellent display of perseverance when learning how to order decimal tenths)
5/6B: Justine Nastevski (Consistently trying her hardest in all learning areas and persisting with difficult tasks)
5/6T: Baily Lunn (Demonstrating independence and making good choices whilst working)
5/6Z: Hayleigh White (Displaying excellent focus and effort in developing her persuasive text)

Reminder
Monday 21st March
Out of Uniform Day (Please bring a donation for the Easter Raffle)
Easter Bonnet Parade - Foundation to Grade 2 (9:05am on the basketball court)

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A Message from the Principal Team

Dear Families,

Hopefully everyone had a relaxing long weekend and re-invigorated themselves for the last two weeks of the school term.

Term Planning: Over the coming week, our teaching and learning teams will be released to complete the necessary planning for term two. Teams discuss the successes of term one and the next steps in learning for their students. They share ideas and resources and thus ensure there is a level of consistency across the grade level. Many schools do not allow their teaching teams to have this privileged time, however we believe that we want our staff to be on the front foot, well prepared and ready to go for the first day of term two. But it doesn’t end this coming week …. Over the holidays staff then take home their initial planning and add to it even further. They complete tasks that can be shared across their whole team and they also then plan for their individual learning groups, including their students on individual learning plans. There is a lot of work that goes into the pre-planning before the term has even started and we are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff. Whilst teachers are involved in their team planning day, their classroom is taken by a replacement teacher, or specialist teacher. It is expected students will be at school every day during planning week as the curriculum continues as normal.

Visit by Victorian Police: Over the past week I have been visited by members of both the Kilmore and the Seymour police. The purpose of the first visit was to discuss our emergency management plan and to talk about our evacuation practices. The police were most impressed that we had held a practice over the lunch break … and that we planned to do another practice over the coming week. The second police visit focussed more on our schools ability to deter break in attempts. The police visited every classroom and are currently preparing a list of recommendations for us to implement. We appreciate the assistance of the Victorian Police as we continue to keep our students and premises safe.

Best wishes Miss Smith: On Wednesday we had a special assembly to listen to the police …. but not the Victorian Police this time … it was the Fashion Police! Wednesday was Miss Smith’s last day at school prior to her wedding on Saturday and the Fashion Police had been hard at work making her a dress over the past few days. Well done to Rebecca Houston, Indianna Fraser, Ava James, Harper Edwards and Morgan Smith for their fashion assistance (students from Miss Smith’s current and previous class) and to Samuel Shingles for “walking her down the aisle”. Miss Smith had a beautiful day for her wedding and we can’t wait to see all of her photos. Mrs McIlvain (Miss Smith’s new name) will return to her grade on Monday 21st March.

Box Car Night: Staff have been busy making the staff entry for the Box Car Night. The night has been postponed until Wednesday of next week (23rd March) as there is 90% chance of storms this Friday and cardboard and rain = not a good combination. We hope many families will attend and join us for a fun evening at LB Davern Reserve.

SRC news: On Friday I met with this year’s SRC members. We decided on a number of fundraisers across the term. These are listed below. Our first event will be selling showbags and doing crazy hair spraying at the Box Car night. Showbags will sell for $5.00 and crazy hair is $2.00. Bring your coins and your picnic tea. It should be a fun night.

- Term one: Showbag and Crazy Hair stall at Box Car night
- Term two: Biggest Morning Tea and “Come to school in your pyjamas day”
- Term three: Moustache Day and “Dress up as a movie or book character day”
- Term four: Zooper Dooper Day and “Dress up as your favourite teacher day”

SRC plans to also help WPAFA with their sausage sizzle day later in the year

Basketball Rings

Would the parent who spoke to Mrs Cole about the basketball rings next to the shed, please contact the office.

Have a great week Rhonda Cole
Performing Arts, Visual Arts & Sports Award Certificate Winners!

**Visual Arts Award**
Reef McKay
(Creating an amazing portrait whilst assisting and encouraging a classmate)

**Performer of the Week**
Jackson Naylor
(Displaying creative movement when he was performing a scene for his class)

**Sports Award**
Sean Holt
(Best on Ground)

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**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**

Please note that our Out of Uniform Day has been changed to **Monday 21st March**.
Don’t forget to bring a donation for our WPAFA Easter Raffle such as Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies, baskets, gift bags, etc.

**HOT DOG DAY**

WPAFA will be running a Hot day on **Wednesday 23rd March** at lunchtime (1:00pm).
Orders forms will be sent out today so please return your completed order form promptly to be able to enjoy this special yummy lunchtime treat.

We cannot fill orders placed after 10:00am on Monday.

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**LOST PROPERTY ITEMS**

If a member of your family is missing a pair of reading glasses that look like the ones pictured they can be collected from the school office.
We also have a number of additional items of lost property just waiting for their owners to collect them. Please come and visit us at the office to see if we have any of your “lost items”.

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**WPS will be hosting an Easter Bonnet Parade for Foundation through Year 2 on Monday 21st March at 9:05am. The parade will take place on the asphalted play area (inclement weather will result in a change of venue). You may already have something for your child to wear, or you could source some simple and inexpensive ideas online. A prize will be awarded for the best Easter bonnet in each year level.**
**WOW! ... WHAT'S ON & WHAT'S DUE @WANDONG**

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**OPENING CLASSROOM DOORS**

**ART ROOM**

What’s gone home this past week?
The following notices were sent home between Thursday 10th March and Wednesday 16th March:

Whole school:
- Wandong Holiday Program Easter 2016 brochure
- WPAFA 2016 Easter raffle tickets
- WPS Family 1 Grand Prix postponement notice
- WPAFA Hot-Dog Order form
- Chook helpers holiday assistance request

Selected Families:
- Wandong Team Shirt “problems with order” note

Selected Students: Nil

Individual grade levels:

**Foundation:**
- Foundation Newsletter - 11th March 2016

**One/Two:** Nil

**Three/Four:** Nil

**Five/Six:** Nil

Spare copies of notices are in the school foyer in the grade level trays.

**PARENT PAYMENTS RECEIVED**

245 families at WPS.

100 Completed payments

= 41%
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT FORUM UPDATE:

Late last year we held a parent forum discussion focussing on three main areas:

1. **What the school has done well as we continue to grow**
2. **Concerns or questions as we continue to grow**
3. **Suggestions as we continue to grow**

Throughout the year I will update you on what we have achieved since receiving your feedback, or what we have done that you may not have been aware was happening. Today is the third instalment.

**Section 1. What the school has done well as we continue to grow:**

**CURRICULUM:**
- Accelerated learning plans
- Reading intervention program
- Cross age activities
- Think Links
- Buddies
- Dianella Program
- Peer Mediators
- Transition 6-7 program
- Interschool sports program
- Social and Emotional Learning foci
- Music
- Activities
- Added specialist programs as school has grown in size
- Lots of activities for students to look forward to doing

**Section 2. Concerns or Questions as we continue to grow**

**Question:** Why is there no Active After School program anymore?

**Response:** This program was funded by the Federal Government. This funding has stopped. Currently there is funding for schools to run a sporting program (called Sporting Schools) during class time or during lunchtime. We have opted to run it at lunchtimes on most occasions. Each term we must apply for funding and say how it will be spent. Last year, we used this money to subsidise the swimming program for families and pay for table tennis and football which ran of a lunch-time and was open to all students.

**Question:** Do we have enough furniture for our increasing numbers of students?

**Response:** Yes. Every time we get a new classroom, we are provided with some funding to furnish the room. This basically covers tables and chairs for students. In addition, we add a teacher desk and chair, a chair for the front of the room, interactive whiteboards or TVs and laptops or iPads. The school pays for these additional purchases out of the term grant it receives from the government four times per year. This is all included in our yearly school budget which is presented to School Council each year.

**Section 3. Suggestions as we continue to grow**

**Suggestion:** Include a range of fundraising activities – not just food.

**Response:** You will notice of the recent Parents and Friend’s list that came home that we have tried to vary the fundraising events for this year. SRC are also including fun dress up days.

**Suggestion:** Use our school website for policies and newsletters

**Response:** All school newsletter and polices are on the school website – just search under those headings. The website also has lots of other interesting information, including welcomes from this year’s class teachers – take a look.
School Banking Account Opening Day

Wandong Primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

Flying Snake Tail, Wildlife Writer Set, Mud Splat Handball, Outback Pat Bag Tag, Backtrack Eraser Pen, Jump and Skip Rope, Bush Fly Fan and Wriggly Glow Worm

We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

**Time:** 3.00PM  
**Date:** Friday 18th March  
**Location:** School Assembly

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local Kilmore branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
This term has just flown by. We have had the pleasure of Paul Weatherly, from Blizzard Martial Arts, come in to teach the children a few skills. We have also had the Men’s Shed from Kilmore volunteer to teach the students at Kilmore some woodworking skills. They will also be visiting Wandong next term. We would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Easter and hope you have a relaxing holiday. Just remember that the Early Bird Special for the Holiday Program ends on the 23rd March.

For bookings please go to the website.
www.kilmoreoshc.com or
www.wandongoshc.com.au

Gymstick Classes at Wandong Public Hall

Every Tuesday $12 per class

• 10am - Gymstick for Older Adults/beginners Gymstick Class including Pelvic Floor Strengthening, light level fitness.
• 7pm - Gymstick Muscle Class for intermediate to Advanced level of fitness.

Only 15 gymsticks available per class, so book in quick by email or phone so you don’t miss out on this awesome opportunity to experience a new way of gaining a stronger core, posture, balance, stability and flexibility. Gymstick has resistance bands on both ends with different colors depending on different strengths required.

Please check with your General Practitioner to see if it is suitable for you to begin a gymstick class if you have any health issues or not exercised in a long time. A PARQ (Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire) form will be available for you to fill out on the day.

Tel: 0412565031 * Email: stevelyfitnessandmassage@gmail.com
Wandong Public Hall is located in Wandong Ave, Wandong

Wandong Outside School Hours Care

Registrations are now open for Season 2016

Club Update

Registrations are still open in all age groups as well as Netball.
Plenty of positions in all age groups and no restrictions.
Junior Football - For Under: 10’s 11’s 12’s and 13.5 age groups.
Netball: For Under: 12’s & 13’s 14’s and 15’s.

For information and bookings visit www.ssoshc.com.au or Phone 5781 1300
SSOSH C blog: ssoshc.blogspot.com.au
Our SEL (Social & Emotional Learning) focus is.....

Never, never, never give up!

Perseverance is a quality that every one of you can benefit from practising. After all, there are going to be challenges in life, and knowing how to persevere even when frustrated or disappointed will be a great life skill.

What is perseverance?
1. Staying with the task and not giving up.
2. Showing commitment, pride and a positive attitude in completing tasks.
3. Trying again and again and again.
4. Being patient and willing to work hard.

_Oprah Winfrey was fired from her first television job because she was “unfit for TV.”_

_Jerry Seinfeld was booed off the stage the first time he tried to deliver a comedy routine._

_Dr. Seuss was rejected many times before publishers accepted his first book._

What made these folks get back up and try again? Perseverance! How can we develop this critical trait in our children?

Use language carefully to make the connection between hard work and success.

Instead of generalised praise, “You are so good/smart/special,” connect high performance and accomplishment to hard work and effort. “You got an A on your test! I can see that you really prepared and worked hard.”

Set goals with your children. Teaching children the power of setting and achieving goals is a process they can carry through life. But don’t stop at setting the goal- help them identify the steps they will need to take to reach the goal.

_Final Thought..._